

AMENDMENTSAmendments to the Claims

Please amend the claims according to the following listing of the claims.

Listing of the claims

1 - 9. (canceled)

10. (currently amended) A cosmetic or pharmaceutical composition, containing as a thickener or dispersant an effective amount of a copolymer obtained by free radical polymerization of

- A) 75 - 99.45% by weight of an olefinically unsaturated C₃-C₅-monocarboxylic acid, of an olefinically unsaturated C₄-C₈-dicarboxylic acid or of its anhydride or a mixture of such carboxylic acids or anhydrides with
- B) 0.5 - 24.95% by weight of one or more long-chain compounds with isolated C-C multiple bonds selected from the group consisting of
 - (1) mono- or polyunsaturated C₈-C₃₀-monocarboxylic acids which may have additional hydroxyl groups, as well as their alkali metal and alkaline earth metal salts, alkyl esters, amides, sorbitan esters, glycerol esters or polyglycerol esters,
 - (2) mono- or polyunsaturated aliphatic C₈-C₃₀-amines, and
 - (3) mono- or polyunsaturated C₈-C₃₀-alcohols as well as their esters with saturated C₁-C₄-monocarboxylic acids,
- C) 0 - [[24.95]] 24.45% by weight of other

copolymerizable monomers and

D) 0.05 - 5% by weight of one or more compounds with at least two olefinically unsaturated groups in the molecule as crosslinkers.

11. (canceled)

12. (previously presented) A composition as defined in claim 10, wherein the copolymers have been prepared using acrylic acid, methacrylic acid or maleic anhydride as component A.

13. (previously presented) A composition as defined in claim 10, wherein the copolymers have been prepared using as component B one or more long-chain compounds with isolated double bonds selected from the group consisting of

- (1) mono- to tetraunsaturated C₁₄-C₂₄-monocarboxylic acids, as well as their alkali metal and alkaline earth metal salts, C₁-C₄-alkyl esters, glycerol esters or polyglycerol esters,
- (2) mono- to tetraunsaturated aliphatic primary C₁₄-C₂₄-amines, and
- (3) mono- to tetraunsaturated primary C₁₄-C₂₄-alcohols as well as their esters with saturated C₁-C₄-monocarboxylic acids.

14. (previously presented) A composition as defined in claim 10, wherein the copolymers are used which have been prepared using as component D allyl ethers of pentaerythriol, trimethylolpropane or sucrose with at least two allyl ether units in the molecule as well as

allylether methacrylate, oleyl (meth)acrylate or methylenebisacrylamide.

15. (previously presented) A copolymer obtained by free-radical polymerization of

- A) 75 - 99.45% by weight of an olefinically unsaturated C₃-C₅-monocarboxylic acid, of an olefinically unsaturated C₄-C₈-dicarboxylic acid or of its anhydride or a mixture of such carboxylic acids or anhydrides with
- B) 0.5 - 24.95% by weight of one or more long-chain compounds with isolated C-C multiple bonds selected from the group consisting of
 - (1) mono- to tetraunsaturated C₁₄-C₃₀-monocarboxylic acids as well as their alkali metal and alkaline earth metal salts, C₁-C₄-alkyl esters, glycerol esters or polyglycerol esters,
 - (2) mono- or polyunsaturated aliphatic C₈-C₃₀-amines, and
 - (3) mono- or polyunsaturated C₈-C₃₀-alcohols as well as their esters with saturated C₁-C₄-monocarboxylic acids,
- C) 0 - 24.45% by weight of other copolymerizable monomers and
- D) 0.05 - 5% by weight of one or more compounds with at least two olefinically unsaturated groups in the molecule as crosslinkers.

16 - 17. (canceled)

18. (previously presented) A composition as defined in

claim 10, wherein component D) is different than component B).

19. (previously presented) A composition as defined in claim 10, wherein component D) is different than component C).

20. (previously presented) A composition as defined in claim 18, wherein component D) is different than component C).